

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 14, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb



APG News and Public Affairs relocated

The APG News and the entire Garrison Public Affairs Office are now located in building 2201 in the Aberdeen Area (adjacent to the U.S. Post Office). This includes the content element of WAPG Channel 3. Telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same.

Visit Mitchell House May 9

Cultural Resources is hosting an Open House for National Historic Preservation Week at the Mitchell House, building 5650, across from Maryland Boulevard Park, May 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Victorian-era refreshments will be provided. For more information call Mark Gallihue, DSHE, 410-278-6756.

ACS sponsors PIE for exceptional family members

Army Community Service is sponsoring the Parent Information Exchange for exceptional family members, May 12, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACS building 2754. If childcare is needed, call in advance. For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-2420.

DTC to host Asian-Pacific event

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command will sponsor the annual Asian-Pacific Heritage celebration May 13 at Top of the Bay, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The theme is "Salute to Liberty," with guest speaker Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, the command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command headquartered in Alexandria, Va. The free event will feature samples of food catered by the Family Buffet in Aberdeen, with entertainment by Meki's Tamure and SEI ORIANA Polynesian dancers.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Arbel

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Puttin' on the weights

Pvt. Chris Snyder, left, and Spc. Jon Oliver, fasten weights to a bar during the APG Sports Office Intramural Deadlift Competition held April 26 in the Aberdeen Athletic Center. (See story on page 12.)

'Iraqi Freedom' proves Transformation concepts

Joe Burlas

Army News Service,

While "Operation Iraqi Freedom" shouldn't be considered a model for future warfare, it has validated several Transformation concepts, an Army official said.

That Army official gave journalists a Transformation update in the form of a background (no names used for attribution) briefing April 24 at the Pentagon.

A look at the ways wars have been fought during the past century shows that most have followed the World War II model where there is a massive military might build up, there is an invasion at a

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Watch card

Do observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.

- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.

- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.

- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.

- Unusual contacts on or off post.

- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.

- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.

- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.

- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.

- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to DOD Police:

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Edgewood Area 410-436-2222

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The call may save lives.

Eleven to be inducted into U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame

E.C. Starnes

OC&S

Photos courtesy of OC&S

Eleven distinguished individuals will be inducted into the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame during ceremonies at Aberdeen Proving Ground, the Home of

2003 historical inductees

Historical inductees are individuals whose significant contributions to the Ordnance Corps took place at least 50 years before the current selection board meets each year.



Ordnance, on May 8.

Selected for induction are retirees Lt. Gen. Henry S. Aurand Sr., Lt. Gen. James M. Link, Maj. Gen. Robert Shadley, Maj. Gen. Jere Sharp, Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Dickinson, Brig. Gen. Norman F. Ramsey, Col. Robert A. Hooper, Col. Melvin M. Johnson Jr., Chief Warrant Officer 5

Robert J. Wurm, Command Sgt. Maj. George E. Cutbirth, and Dr. Joseph C. Moquin.

The Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame was established in 1969. Individuals are chosen for induction solely on their significant contributions to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps.

Lt. Gen. Henry S. Aurand Sr.

Aurand was born on April 21, 1894 in Tamaqua, Pa., and graduated number 20 out of 165 cadets from West Point. Originally commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps, he became an ordnance officer in 1919. He retired as the commander, U.S. Army Pacific in 1952 and died in 1980.

Aurand was known as an outstanding instructor, leader and logistician. He served as a plan-

ner with the Lend-Lease Program and was a key contributor to the Victory Plan for World War II. Aurand also served as a commander of the Normandy Base Section from 1944 to 1945, the U.S. Services of Supply, China Theater in 1945, and in the Africa-Middle East Theater in 1946. He was the director of Research and Development in the War Department and the director of Logistics for the Department of the Army.

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Lt. Gen. Henry S. Aurand Sr.

APG begins traffic safety classes

DSHE

To decrease the frequency of traffic accidents involving military and civilian personnel, the Installation Safety Division has partnered with the Safety Council of Maryland to provide a monthly traffic safety program for military and civilian personnel on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Col. Mardi U.

Mark warns that speeding on post would earn violators severe penalties should they hit a pedestrian.

"God help the individual who hits one of our 'follow on forces!' - the children of our service members," Mark said.

Traffic safety classes will run concurrently through August at Dixon Hall (also known as Ball Conference Center), building 3074, and are scheduled 9 to 11 a.m., May 12, June 24, July 23 and Aug. 28.

The program addresses the consequences of speed, drugs, and drinking and driving.

Instructors will discuss how to safely operate a vehicle while driving near troop movements and the effectiveness of safety belts and air bags - to include how they work and have saved lives over the years.

The impact of animal hazards with special emphasis on deer movement on and off post will be discussed and illustrated.

Mark highly recommends taking the class.

The Safety Council of Maryland is the state chapter of the National Safety Council located in Chicago, and is a recognized leader of both occupational and highway accident prevention training in Maryland.

For more information, contact Joe Pedone, Directorate of Safety Health and Environment, Installation Safety Division safety specialist, 410-306-1085, or e-mail him at joe.pedone@usag.apg.army.mil.



Deployment News

Mementos, diversions, extra gear: What soldiers carry to war

Spc. M. William Petersen
19th Signal Company

Ask any soldier what his or her most important piece of gear is, and most will reply, “My rifle or my protective mask.”

But when asked what non-issued item is most important, each soldier in 11th Signal Brigade has other answers, and sometimes stories behind it.

Some soldiers have utilitarian items that they can’t live without. While many soldiers carry multi-tools and Camel Backs™ that they refuse to part with, others have more unusual items they brought to the desert.

“I don’t like to walk a lot, and with my job, this makes moving around from job site to job site a lot faster,” said Sgt. Jeffrey Kilgo, air conditioner repairman with 19th Signal Company.

Kilgo commutes to and from his work sites on a mountain bike he brought to Camp Udari, Kuwait. “It’s a lot easier to park than a HMMWV and it’s good exercise. So instead of using a truck, I use a bike.”

One item today’s soldiers are bringing to the field that their predecessors didn’t have is the laptop computer.

“I use my laptop for everything,” said Spc. Robert Topchi, a ‘cable dog’ with 69th Signal Company. “It’s good for games, pictures and keeping a diary. It’s all of that in one package.”

The free time he has is often easily occupied with his favorite game on the laptop, Diablo.

Other soldiers have also found a pleasant diversion in video games while deployed, some bringing handheld games and others toting full-sized systems along.

Sgt. Robert George of 11th Signal Brigade brought his PlayStation game system with him and considers it indispensable.

Many soldiers have found a temporary escape from their surroundings in music.

“My CD player is the most important thing to me because I’ve got to have my music to get me out of here,” said Sgt. Ramiro Padilla of 385th Signal Company.

Unfortunately, the sand and rough handling his CDs endured at Mutlaa Ridge, Kuwait, left many of Padilla’s collection of Spanish music Azul Azul, Mana and Molotov discs beaten beyond repair.

For Pfc. Chris Van Horn of 19th Signal Company, his music helps him drown-out the sounds of his tent-mates.

“There are more than 50 guys in the tent, so it gets loud,” Van Horn said. “I can go to sleep with my CD player on.”

Soldiers looking for a quieter diversion have turned to books. Sgt. Eric Greenwood of 385th Signal Company brought a large stack of books when he deployed to Kuwait nearly a year ago. Now stationed at Mutlaa Ridge, Greenwood has already read more than 50 books and is in the process of ordering more.

“I read whatever I can get my hands on,” Greenwood said. “It eats up time. We also do correspondence courses, CLEP tests and college courses while we’re here.”

Staff Sgt. Lin MacCollum, noncommissioned officer-in-charge for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Signal Brigade, has a different memento that he carried overseas with him. Perched on a shelf in his wall locker at Camp Doha, Kuwait, is a small stuffed dog with a leprechaun pinned to its collar.

“When my wife and I got married in Tombstone, Ariz., it was given to me to carry over the border to Iraq if I go,” MacCollum said. “I see it as a reminder of my wedding day as well as a good luck charm.”

Spc. Carl Manzano, a light-wheel vehicle mechanic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Sig. Bde., is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm. His good luck charm, a baseball cap, has been deployed to the Persian Gulf before.

“This hat’s been here before,” he said. “It’s pretty beat-up now, so I don’t wear it all the time, but it’s my lucky hat.”

The hat acts as a reminder of Manzano’s hobby: he is an avid outrigger canoeist, which is a hobby not readily available in the desert.

Other soldiers carry reminders of their loved ones. Many have pictures hanging by their bunks, like Cpl. Raymond Hookfin, another mechanic with Headquarters and Headquarters 11th Signal Brigade.

“The pictures are important to me because I know I still have something to go home to,” said Hookfin, pointing at photos of his girlfriend. “She’s going to be the next Mrs. Hookfin.”

Pfc. Robert Speed, a microwave systems analyst with 11th Signal Brigade, wears his reminder everywhere he goes.

“We got engaged 20 days before I joined up,” said Speed, raising his engagement ring up. “It helps me think about my fiancé and remember some of the good things in life.”

Another ring-carrying soldier, Spc. Kenneth Dabney, a signal support systems specialist with 11th Signal Brigade, wears his wife’s wedding band and his newborn son’s first ring on a chain around his neck.

When Sgt. David Lee Miller, a signal support systems noncommissioned officer, was asked what he values most, he pulled out a small laminated news article.

“One year after my grandfather died, my dad wrote a [memoriam] in to the newspapers,” Miller said. “It became my good luck charm.”

“We were very close,” Miller said about his grandfather. “He was a father figure when I was growing up. This is a way to always keep him here. He’s gone, but not forgotten.”

Whether to remember the most important people in their lives or to while away the quiet hours before lights-out, the troops of 11th Signal Brigade all have something important to hold on to. The items are as diverse as the soldiers, but all serve the same purpose, to make life a little easier while far from home in wartime.

APGFCU sends a ‘little piece of home’ to troops



Photo courtesy of APGFCU
Amy Carlson, left, and Sherrie Mager, employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, sort through donations sent to family members serving overseas March 31.

Amy Sweet
APGFCU

Employees of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union organized an effort in March to send packages to family members of staff serving in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Korea.

After organizing, planning and execution by the staff, 70 packages that included toiletries, snacks and candy were prepared and sent.

“Our sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters received a ‘little piece of home’ in a parcel,” said Chairman of the Board David Gilbert. “Within a few short days of our employees getting together, we had a deluge of donations and were sending them off.”

Also joining the effort was The APGFCU Community Involvement Committee, which is made up of board members and volunteers. They provided a generous sum that covered the mailing costs for

the packages.

“This was a fine cooperative effort all around,” Gilbert said. “These are the kind of actions that truly exemplify the ‘Credit Union Difference.’”

APGFCU, a not-for-profit member owned cooperative, has served the Harford and Cecil County communities for 65 years. Credit union services are available 24-hours, seven days a week via telephone and online access.

Membership in APGFCU is open to all military and civilian employees of APG, people employed by business members of the Cecil and Harford County Chambers of Commerce, and other select groups.

For more information, call APGFCU at 410-272-4000 or visit Web site, www.APGFCU.com.

DoD enhances post-deployment health assessments

United States Department of Defense

The Department of Defense has announced its plan to enhance the post-deployment health assessment process.

One improvement is a more comprehensive examination that will better assist medical personnel in evaluating the health of returning service members. The new form is an enhanced version of the previous tool, designed to gather more information from deployed service members about events that occurred during a deployment. Health assessments will be conducted face-to-face with trained health care providers and will include discussion and documentation of specific items. In addition to the health assessment, blood samples will be taken within 30 days of leaving the

theater. The blood samples will be forwarded to the DoD Serum Repository for archival purposes. These enhancements are just one piece of the total force health protection program that includes increased environmental surveillance, electronic medical record keeping and improved unit location data.

“The Department of Defense’s force health protection program is constantly evolving based on advancements in medical practice, new technology and lessons learned from deployments. The enhanced post-deployment health assessments and the new blood draw procedures are a result of that process,” said William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs. “The physical and mental health of our service

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APG News

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VISIT THE MITCHELL HOUSE



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Open house at ‘Vic House’

Cultural Resources, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, is hosting an open house at the Mitchell House, building 5650, across from Maryland Boulevard Park, Friday, May 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to recognize National Historic Preservation Week. Victorian-era refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Mark Gallihue, 410-278-6756.

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EA chapel to close for renovations

The Edgewood Chapel will be closed for renovations June 1 until Nov. 30, but all programs will continue as usual.

Sunday Masses will be held in the theater section of the Conference Center (across from chapel). Daily masses and Eucharistic services will be held at the Gunpowder Club (formerly Officers Open Mess). The staff offices will be moved to the Gunpowder Club and will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. All telephone numbers will remain the same.

Father John Bauer will be available for counseling on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at his temporary office at the Gunpowder Club.

Beginning in Septembe, CCD classes will be split between the Conference Center and Gunpowder Club.

The only changes will be that “Donut Sunday” will not be held during summer months and parish socials and CYOC meetings will be held at Aberdeen.

The parish picnics will be held at CAPA Field on June 1 and Aug 30. For more information call the EA Chapel at 410-436-4107.

KUSAHC offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Behavioral Health Conference Room (Room 316) at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Diabetes education
Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesday

evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., May 13, 20, 27 and June 3. All TRI-CARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend.

Veterinary clinics during May

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will hold clinics during May.

All clinic visits are by appointment only on May 15, 20, 22, 28, and 30, 9 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. and on May 12 and 16, 9 a.m. to noon.

The May 17 walk-in clinic (no appointment necessary) for shots and minor grooming will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

For safety, no children under 12 are permitted in the clinic and all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.

To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-3911 or 4604.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on May 13, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level); and in the Edgewood Area, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4140, Recreation Center.

For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Lonestar concert slated for Sept. 12

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins at

this year’s summer concert, Sept. 12.

In conjunction with Armed Forces Day, May 17, concert tickets will be sold at a one-day only special sale price of \$15 at Ripken Stadium and at the Truckload Sale in front of the Commissary.

Tickets go on sale May 19 at \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com.

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497.

DTC hosts Asian-Pacific event

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For more information, contact Master Sgt. Arbel Connor, 410-278-2529, or Sgts. 1st Class Duffie Robertson, 410-278-1053, Rodney Yelder, 410-278-5598, Peggy McCormick, 410-278-9146, or Thomas Serino, 410-278-1534.

APG Transportation Office hours

The APG Transportation Office located in building 4302, Boothby Hill Road, will be open Monday through Thursday, 7 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 to 4 p.m., and from 12:15 to 4 p.m. on Fridays, except on alternate RDO Fridays when the office will

close at 3 p.m.

The telephone number for HHG Inbound Transportation is 410-278-2992, the telephone number for HHG Outbound Transportation is 410-278-3897/4084 and the telephone number for Passenger Travel is 410-278-3858/5695.

The Administrative Offices and TC-ACCIS Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday (closed on alternate Fridays). The phone number for the Transportation Officer is 410-278-3896 and for the administrative assistant is 410-278-5384. TC-ACCIS is available to all units.

Hours for Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices

The hours for all services for the Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

On Fridays following payday and all federal holidays, the offices will be closed.

For more information, call 410-306-2381.

Online resource for Operation Iraqi Freedom

An online reference for frequently asked questions about Operation Iraqi Freedom, to include supporting soldiers, mail, family related issues and locating soldiers is at <http://www.army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html>.

ASAP offers training materials

The Army Substance Abuse Program has updated training materials in video, pamphlet, booklet and CD format. Topics include alcohol, heroin, cocaine, Ecstasy, and more.

Training materials can be used in meeting the mandatory four hours of military training and the three hours of required training for all civilians.

Anyone with questions about preparing for a class should call Troy Denson, Prevention coordinator, 410-278-3137.

KUSAHC offers Take Care of Yourself Class

Classes are held on the first and third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All patients enrolled in TRI-CARE Prime are eligible to attend. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor.

The classes will be conducted by a Registered Nurse using the Take Care of Yourself handbook that was given to each patient enrolling in TRI-CARE Prime.

At the end of each class Medication Cards will be given out which will allow patients to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription. This class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime patients only. To sign up for the class, call 410-278-1964 .

CWF hosts trip to Broadway

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip on May 17 to see “Gypsy” on Broadway. This show is a revival of the 1959 musical based upon the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee. Prior to the show, there will be time for shopping and lunch.

The price is \$120 per person, which includes charter bus transportation and ticket for the show. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771

Federal Trade Commission Military Sentinel project

Information from the Federal Trade Commission about its Military Sentinel complaint database is available at <http://www.consumer.gov/military/>. The complaint database is specially designed to accommodate the needs of military personnel and their families.

The previous link to the reprintable Military Sentinel article did not work correctly because the group that wrote it changed the article’s location on its Web site.

The correct link is <http://www.napsnet.com/safety/56766.html>.

APG Telephone Directory update

The Directorate of Information Management is currently validating the Garrison and Tenant information in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Telephone Directory.

The purpose of this validation is to ensure that the Emergency Response System (911) has electronic access to accurate information.

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct.

The Caller ID feature on telephones will display “APG TELE MGMT” for these authorized information requests.

For more information, call Janet Brown, 410-306-1315.

Fact of the Week

Each year junk mail fills three percent of American landfills and costs taxpayers \$320 million in disposal fees. To reduce the amount of junk mail received, ask companies to remove your name from their mailing lists.

- Consumer Research Institute

Community Notes

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



THE CORE
Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.
Starring: Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank
Geophysicist Dr. Keyes discovers that an unknown force is causing the earth's magnetic field to rapidly deteriorate.

The atmosphere is coming apart at the seams with catastrophic consequences. Keyes, along with a team of the world's most gifted scientists travel into the earth's core to detonate a device that will reactivate the core. (Rated PG-13)

PIGLET’S BIG MOVIE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, May 10, 7 p.m.
Starring: Animated



Piglet gets that inferior feeling when his friends begin a "honey harvest" and he is told that he's too small to help. When Piglet disappears, the others use his scrapbook as a map to try to find him. In the process they discover that this "very small animal" has been a big hero in a lot of ways. (Rated G)



GANGS OF NEW YORK
May 10, 9 p.m.
Starring : Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis

New York City in 1863 is a young city with a raging desire for a better life. As the nation's own survival is being tested by the on-going Civil War, a vast and dangerous underworld is born in the crime-ridden streets. Here, a fatherless son searches for honor, vengeance and the courage to remake his life. (Rated R)

OMMS LIBRARY

The Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School Library's new operating hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, noon to 8:45 p.m. and Friday, noon

to 4:30 p.m.
The library is located in the basement of building 3071.
For more information, call 410-278-4991.

**SATURDAY
MAY 10
ANNUAL MOTHER-
DAUGHTER LUNCHEON**

The Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon sponsored by the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel is from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for the luncheon, but participants are asked to bring a side dish to compliment the main course. Drinks and desserts will be provided. There will also be entertainment and a guest speaker.

For a reservation, call Paula Roland at 410-273-9230 or sign the reservations list in the foyer of the AA Chapel.

SPRING FLING

Pastor Cheryl Hill of the Faith Partnership Council and members of Neighbors Interested in the Community of Edgewood, or N. I. C. E., invite members of the community to take part in The Annual Spring Fling - Nickel Day, noon to 4 p.m., Lake Serene, Edgewood. Rain date is May 31.

To participate as an exhibitor, call Robin Rossbach, 410-638-3333 or e-mail rarossbach@co.ha.md.us. For more information, call Cheryl Hill, 410-767-8896.

**HOME BUYING
WORKSHOP**

Home Partnership, Inc., a non-profit agency, will hold a free workshop on How to Buy Your Own Home at Chesapeake Community Church, 900 Trimble road, Joppa.

Free lunch will be provided. Registration is required. Call 410-297-6700.

**SUNDAY
MAY 11
USO HONORS
MOTHERS**

The USO of Metropolitan Washington is holding it's 23rd annual Mother's Day Celebration, 1 to 3 p.m. at the SOSA Recreation Center, building 200, Fort Belvoir, Va. All active duty military personnel and their families are invited. Spc. LaDonna Jenkins, winner of the Mother's Day Essay Contest, and her mother will be honored at the ceremony.

For further information, contact Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth at the USO-Metro Family Support Services Office at 703-696-3279.

**RALLY FOR OUR
TROOPS**

BALTIMORE C.A.R.E.S., Citizens And Representatives Embracing Soldiers, a Parkville, Md., grassroots support group dedicated to supporting the nation's troops and their families, will hold 'Rally for our Troops & their Families' on Mother's Day, 3 to 8 p.m., at Oregon Ridge Park, Cockeysville, Md., for all the mothers, fathers, sons and daughters that were left behind.

USO Performer Maria Rose will kick off the event. Bands include Walter Jay & The Texas Flood, Innerface, 10 Cent Penny, Third Chord, and Ashley Marie & Family, with patriotic performer Rita Harper entertaining between each band. The Maryland National Guard's Color Guard will present and retire the colors.

Attendees will be invited to sign banners to be sent to the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and overseas.

For more information, call 410-866-3274 or visit www.baltimorecares.com.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 14
ASA PICNIC**

The Chesapeake Chapter of the American Statistical Association will provide a picnic lunch at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker, Dr. William Smith, director of the National ASA, will discuss ASA's structure, benefits of membership, career enhancement, and a new section on homeland security and national defense. ASA is the nation's leading professional organization for statistics.

RSVP by 4 p.m., May 9, to Dave Gillis, 410-278-9310 or e-mail dgillis@amsaa.army.mil.

**SATURDAY
MAY 17TH
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
TO SPEAK AT 50TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

The Ladies Auxiliary of Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will hold their 50th Anniversary Celebration at 6 p.m.; dinner will begin at 7 p.m.

The nation's first VFW Ladies Auxiliary African-American National President, Betty Morris, will be the guest speaker.

DJ Bugg will provide the entertainment.

Donations are \$20. For tickets and more information, call Linda Smith 443-857-8823 or Jackie Pitts 443-655-0202.

**TUESDAY
MAY 20
ASIAN-PACIFIC
SPECIALTY MEAL**

The annual Asian-Pacific Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.80 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Asian-Pacific Specialty Month menu includes egg drop soup, egg rolls, Chinese roast pork, Asian style meatloaf, baked Asian style honey chicken, beef and broccoli, beef bulgogi, pancit, fried rice, steamed rice, stir fried vegetables, fried cabbage, cucumber kimchi, cucumber sunomo, fruit ambrosia, almond and fortune cookies, pineapple upsidedown cake, assorted breads, soft serve ice cream and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1392/1393/1398/1397.



Activities

Introduction to camping

The course covers all facets of camping from safety guidelines dealing with the terrain and environment to precautions to take under adverse weather conditions. Learn what types of food and supplies to take, and how to set up and maintain a campsite. The class will be held on May 17 at Skipper's Point Campsite, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$15 for families. Register by May 15. For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Horse care and stable management

Classes teach how to care for a horse and include grooming, feeding, foot care, saddle and bridal training, safety procedures, stall preparation, pasture and horse management, and what to consider when purchasing a horse. Class will be held May 17 to 24 at APG Saddle Club, 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$25 for families. Register by May 15. For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to putting

Improve golf scores with this one-hour group lesson that teaches the proper grip, stance, swing and aim on the putting green. Class will be held on May 17 at Ruggles Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register by May 9. Class will also be held May 21 at Exton Golf Course, 5 to 6 p.m. Register by May 14. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Link up to golf

Junior golf classes

Youth Services will offer junior golf classes June 23 to Aug. 6 at Exton Golf Course. Classes will be held 8 to 9 a.m. for ages 7 to 10 and 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 11 to 14 on Monday and Wednesday.

Registration by appointment only is available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until May 19, at building 2752. Registration also will be available 6 to 8 p.m. on May 14, building E-1902.

Intensified Junior Camps will be offered 2 to 5 p.m. (to be announced). If interested, call Tom Green, 410-278-9452, or e-mail Tom.Green@usag.apg.army.mil.

The fee for registration is \$55 for eligible military, DoD civilian and retired personnel; the fee for non-eligible personnel is \$60. All participants must be current Child and Youth Services members.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297, or e-mail William.Kegley@usag.apg.army.mil. For a daytime registration appointment, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571, or e-mail Christina.Keithley@usag.apg.army.mil.

Tennis classes for youths

Tennis classes for youths ages 7 and up will be held every Friday, 8 to 10 a.m., June 27 through Aug. 8 at the tennis courts located behind the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The cost is \$40, with a 10 percent discount for additional sibling(s).

All youths must be current members of the Youth Center. Registration will be held through May 19 by appointment only. For registration or more information, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571, or e-mail Christina.Keithley@usag.apg.army.mil.

orientation

This new program is rapidly becoming known as America's "Welcome to golf" program. With the support of the PGA of America, the NGCOA, LPGA, PGA Tour, and USAG, "Link up 2 golf" features several elements to help new and returning players enjoy the game as never before. The program includes an orientation, where golfers can learn more about the clinics and on-course experiences, and meet the PGA golf professionals and staff. Orientations are intended to make new golfers more comfortable with the concept of taking up the game and all that it entails. There are three sessions in May to choose from: May 8, 6 p.m.; May 10, 2 p.m.; and May 11, 3 p.m. Fees are E1 to E5, \$99; E6 to O3, \$109; O4 to civilian employee, \$119; and the public, \$139. All sessions are held at Ruggles Golf Course. For more information, contact Tom Green at 410-278-9452 or e-mail him at tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil

Lunchtime volleyball league

Starting May 20, play competitive volleyball during lunch in Russell Gym, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make new friends and have a little fun. Register by May 16. Cost is \$20. For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929 or e-mail donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

Library access

APG Library now has a card catalog available online at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html. The catalog contains all information from the Edgewood and Aberdeen area libraries. For more information, contact Dan Norum at 410-278-3417 or e-mail him at dan.norum@usag.apg.army.mil

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

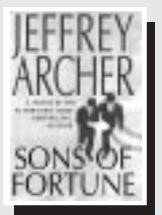
Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

A few of the new audio books on CD available at the APG MWR libraries are:



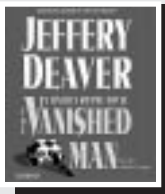
Forever by Pete Hamill

Cormac O'Connor arrives in New York City from Ireland in 1741 and remains forever, for he has been given the gift of immortality, but only if he never leaves the island of Manhattan. Through Cormac's eyes, readers watch the city transform from the burgeoning settlement to the pulsing metropolis of today.



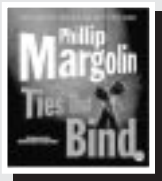
Sons of Fortune by Jeffrey Archer

The Vanished Man by Jeffery Deaver



The King of Torts by John Grisham

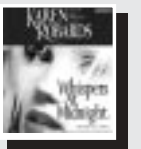
Dead Aim by Iris Johansen



Ties that Bind by Phillip Margolin

The Jester by James Patterson

Whispers at Midnight by Karen Robards



APG SCHOOL LIAISON

AVAILABLE COLLEGE RESOURCES

The School Liaison Office, building 2752, Room 200, has a limited number of free copies of *The You Can Guide To Financing Your Education*. Pursue education with more knowledge and confidence. Find out more with this informative guide on planning, financing and maximizing education. Learn how to put goals within reach.

'Chart Your Course: Planning a Successful Journey Through High School and Beyond' is a free resource information packet for military connected parents and students, and others who are highly mobile and want to find a way to better chart a course through the intricacies of grades 6 through 12 and post secondary choices.

A limited number of copies are still available for the Harford County Public Schools Course Listings for 2003-2004.

EARLY LEARNING THROUGH READING

Success In school starts with reading Learning to read is hard work for children, but when they become good readers in the early grades, they are more likely to become better learners throughout their school years and beyond. Many valuable tips and Web site resources are included in a free booklet, *'Put Reading First-A Parent Guide for Preschool through Grade 3.'*

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

Lonestar concert slated for Sept. 12

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins at this year's summer concert on Sept. 12.

In conjunction with Armed Forces Day, concert tickets will be sold on a one-day only special sale of \$15 on May 17 at Ripken Stadium and at the Truckload Sale in front of the

Commissary.

Tickets go on sale May 19 at \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com.

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497.

Still swingin'

Photo by TOM GREEN
Eighty-one year old Bernis Neal shot a 79 at Ruggles on May 2. This is just two strokes below his age. According to Tom Green, director of Golf/business manager, this feat is more rare than a hole in one. Congratulations!





Brig. Gen. Norman F. Ramsey

Fame

From front page

Brig. Gen. Norman F. Ramsey

Ramsey was born on July 9, 1882 in Oakdale, Ill., and graduated from West Point in 1905. Prior to his attendance at West Point, he was an enlisted man with Company E, 20th Kansas Volunteer Infantry and fought in the Philippines during the Spanish American War. He served in the Infantry until his detail to Ordnance in 1912. He was formally transferred to the Ordnance Corps in 1920. He commanded three of the six Army arsenals that in the pre-World War II years had formed the cornerstone of ordnance research, development and production. From December 1936 to April 1937 he chaired the “Ramsey Board” to assess ordnance manufacturing, storage and maintenance facilities and to plan for their expansion.

Ramsey’s greatest contributions to the Ordnance Corps came as the commander of Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill., from 1937 to 1944. He retired as the commanding general of Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass., in 1945. He died on April 11, 1963.



Col. Melvin M. Johnson Jr.

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Johnson was born on Aug. 9, 1909 in Boston, and graduated from Harvard University with a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts in 1931 and from

Harvard Law in 1934.

During his 30-year association with the Ordnance Corps he went from being an amateur inventor of weapons to a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve to consultant to the Secretary of State for defense.

Johnson has been described as a “visionary in the field of weapons development.”

He invented the Johnson caliber 30.06 semi-automatic rifle, light machine gun and semi-automatic carbine. During World War II he was ordered to the active reserve because of the importance of his work with military arms development and production. His last position was as chief executive officer of Johnson Arms. He died on January 9, 1965.

Contemporary inductees



Lt. Gen. James M. Link

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Link was born in Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 9, 1942. He received his commission through Officer Candidate School and began his career at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 82nd Airborne Division. He is a combat veteran of Vietnam and Southwest Asia. He served as a commander at the battalion and group level, as well as commanding general of the U.S. Army Missile Command.

He retired in 2000 as the deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Alexandria, Va. It was in this position that he directed the modernization of Army business processes under the Wholesale Logistics Modernization Program, Single Stock Fund and the National Maintenance Programs.

He also served as the Army’s executive director for Conventional Ammunition and Test, Measurement and Diagnostics Equipment.

He is currently the President of Teledyne Brown Engineering, which provides systems engineering and technology solutions.



Maj. Gen. Robert D. Shadley

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Shadley was born in Ohio on Aug. 5, 1942. He was commissioned as an ordnance officer through the Purdue University ROTC program. He is a combat veteran of Vietnam and Southwest Asia.

He retired in 2000 as the director of Logistics for the U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Ga. In that position he supported more than 800,000 active and Reserve soldiers and 40,000 civilians.

His contracting operations were consistently cited as the best in the Army and the contract regionalization program was adopted for use Army wide.

He commanded at the

detachment, battalion, and division support command level and also as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School. In this position he also served as the Army’s chief of Ordnance. He is currently the vice president of Alliant Techsystems, an aerospace and defense company dealing with propulsion, composite structures, munitions, and precision capabilities.



Maj. Gen. Jere Sharp

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Sharp was born in Monticello, Ga., on March 10, 1929. He was commissioned as an Infantry officer upon graduation from West Point in 1950 and transferred to the Ordnance Corps in 1953. He retired in 1985 as the director of Contracting and Production, Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics where he was instrumental in instituting a law and regulation compliance system for the procurement of goods and services in a secure environment.

Throughout his career he earned a reputation as a leader in procurement and production issues, as well as in foreign military sales. He served as commandant of the U.S. Army Ordnance Chemical Center and School and was responsible for integrating the training and combat development function of the Ordnance and Chemical Corps despite the dissimilarities of the two branches.



Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Dickinson

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Dickinson was born in Charleston, S.C., on April 1, 1945 and was commissioned as an Armor officer following graduation from The Citadel Military College of South Carolina. He is a combat veteran of Vietnam.

He retired in 1998 as the Chief of Ordnance and Commanding General of the Ordnance Center and School. As such he played a major role in the ordnance force structure for Force XXI. He was also a key leader in gaining funding support for the Forward Repair System - Heavy. He also served as the executive agent for the Repair Cycle Time Process Improvement Team.

He commanded at the company, battalion, brigade, corps support command levels.

He is currently the president of MILTOPE Group, Inc., which specializes in the design, development and manufacturing of rugged computers and peripherals.



Col. Thomas A. Hooper

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Hooper was born in Oakdale, Calif., on Sept. 29, 1948. He started his Army career as a private and received his commission in the infantry following Officer Candidate School. He became an ordnance officer in 1975.

He retired in 1998 as the chief, Staff Group, Office of the Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. During his career he commanded at the company, battalion, support group and brigade levels. He also commanded the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

In his final assignment at the Pentagon he led a multi-functional and multi-organizational team in the development and tracking of 94 logistics initiatives designed to improve business operations and save \$2.5 billion over a five-year period.

He is currently the director of Collins & Company, Inc. consultants on trade, defense and foreign affairs.



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert J. Wurm

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Wurm was born in Detroit, Mich., on April 3, 1954 and was appointed an ordnance warrant officer in 1978. He became known as a leader in the field of maintenance. He retired in 2000 as the chief, Warrant Officer Professional Development Division, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools at APG. While in this position he completely revamped and restructured the Ordnance Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced Courses to optimize battlefield relevant instruction for all attendees.

He is currently a logistics management specialist with the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity at APG. In this position he continues to provide support to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps.



Command Sgt. Maj. George E. Cutbirth

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Cutbirth was born in Galena, Mo., on Dec. 30, 1950. A combat veteran of Vietnam and Southwest Asia, he retired in 2000 as command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va.

His career was marked by distinguished service as a leader, mentor and technician.

He served as a command
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'Why my Mother should be honored on Mother's Day'

SPC LaDonna Jenkins
Fort Meyer

(Editor's note: Spc. LaDonna Jenkins is the winner of this year's USO Mother's Day Essay Contest and will receive a cash prize, airline tickets, local transportation and lodging for her and her mother to attend the 23rd annual Mother's Day celebration May 11. Jenkins is stationed at Fort Myer, Va. See Community Notes page for more details on celebration.)

With Mother's Day quickly approaching, I was wondering how I could show my love and appreciation to my mother for not only the special things she has done for me, but to honor her life-time commitment of helping others. I am very pleased and proud for this chance to tell you about my mom and why she should be honored on Mother's Day. I am one of four children. My mom was also a foster parent to other children. My mother is quite a remarkable woman. Not because of many great accomplishments, but for many noble sacrifices. Her selfless life has shown us how big her heart really is. She has been a great mother, a generous and compassionate neighbor and friend, a wonderful daughter and devoted

wife: and this is why my Mother should be honored on Mother's Day.

Coming from an older generation she didn't say the words, "I love you" a lot, although everything she did was filled with love. Her actions showed how much she cared. She was a working mom; both inside the home and out, however we were always her priority. As a provider, she worked very hard to support her family. Many of these crucial years were struggled through as a single mother. Being a teacher was the greatest part of her parenting job. She raised us with sound values: showing us by example and guiding us in the right direction.

The way she treated neighbors and strangers still amazes me. If she knew someone was hungry, they didn't have to ask for food, she just fed them. Our home was always open. She took in two small children and raised them as her own for several years. I always remember her giving even though there was nothing given in return. I admired this so much and often wondered how she could be so kind.

She was a real companion to her husband. Our dad depended on

her for many things. She cooked three meals a day. Dinner was always prepared and waiting no matter what time he came home. She ran a household without many of the modern conveniences. She did what had to be done. Many of her aspirations were postponed while she fulfilled her responsibilities. Now widowed, she has returned to school at age 71 in pursuit of a nursing degree.

Her life has been truly a great sacrifice to help others. After her husband passed away, she moved to Florida to care for her elderly mother. She did this for several years, driving hundreds of miles to upkeep her own home in Tennessee. Experiencing illness herself has finally slowed her down a bit.

My mother deserves more than I can give her. I hope you will select this essay and allow me the opportunity to treat her like a queen during this special time. I plan to use the cash to buy her a new dryer and microwave. My mom is a phenomenal woman and should be honored in great style this Mother's Day for all she has given to so many people.

AFAP looking for suggestions

Fred Posadas
ACS

The APG Army Family Action Plan Symposium will be held June 9 to 11 at Top of the Bay.

The symposium is held to identify well-being issues, which will become the APG Army Family Action Plan XVIII, and serve as the management tool for

implementing identified initiatives. The purpose of the plan is to define soldier, civilian, family member and retiree concerns, determine actions, and assign agencies to resolve the issues.

Some issues are low cost with a high payoff and receive immediate action while other initiatives have a high cost and need to be studied to determine the specifics

for implementation.

To be really effective, the AFAP needs community input to improve the welfare and morale of America's Army family.

Topics to address could include medical, dental, commissary, AAFES, housing, youth, education, employment, safety and relocation.

All suggestions must include the problem, why it is a problem and a

possible solution(s) and have name and telephone number.

Send to building 2754, Room #208, ATTN: AFAP Coordinator, or FAX 410-306-2293 by May 19.

Anyone wishing to participate or needs information on the AFAP process should call 410-278-2453.

2003 Armed Forces Day Poster contest

The Armed Forces Day Committee offers children of all ages to submit poster designs for the 2003 Armed Forces Day event. The Armed Forces Day Committee will judge posters and prizes will be awarded for the top three designs from each age group - elementary, middle and high school. All entries will be on display at Ripken Stadium May 17 during the Armed Forces Day event. Winners will be publicly announced and recognized during the ceremonies.

Contest rules

Each student may submit as many designs as they wish. This year's theme is "A Force for Freedom."

- Design should be created on an 8-1/2" x 11" piece of plain white paper.
- Any medium (crayon, color pencil, chalk, paint, etc.) may be used.

- The design should be colorful and reflect the theme "A Force for Freedom."

- Computer generated graphics are not desired. Designs should be done by hand.

- All posters must be submitted by May 9. Submit entry to child's school office.

- Each design should be labeled with name, age, phone number, grade and school attending. This information must be placed on the back of the design and not visible from the front.

Failure to follow the contest guidelines as listed above may result in disqualification of the child's entry.

For more information, call Darlene Ostroski, Aberdeen City Hall, 410-297-4212, or e-mail her at dostroski@aberndeen-md.org.

Concepts

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single location and then clearing of the area of enemy forces in a linear fashion, the official said. While Iraqi Freedom did include a time-consuming military buildup, those forces invaded in two widely separated locations and attacked key objectives rather than clearing the country on line of enemy forces.

Multiple entry points and focusing on key objectives are among several Transformation concepts used effectively during recent combat operations in Iraq, the official said. Others include: closer working relationships between special and conventional forces; true joint and combined operations at lower levels; and conducting operations across the full spectrum of conflict.

Iraqi Freedom is the first time the Army has ever conducted combat, peace-keeping, humanitarian relief and ecological cleanup operations all at the same time, the official said.

Speaking about the Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the official said it would have been ideal for operations in northern Iraq had it already been operationally tested.

"It could have been flown in and provided the northern front more mobility and lethality than current forces have there," he said.

The Army's first Stryker BCT, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, out of Fort Lewis, Wash., is fully equipped and will undergo operational testing at Fort Polk, La., in mid-May.

While much media attention is focused on the equipment technology aspect of Transformation, there is much more to it, the official said.

"Technology is just a Transformation enabler," he said.

Under the Transformation umbrella, the Army is considering changing its Train-Alert-Train-Deploy model for units conducting real-world operations to Train-Alert-Deploy. The current model is based upon units training day-to-day for the high-risk end of the conflict spectrum. When those units are alerted for a low-end mission such as humanitarian relief or peacekeeping, they have to learn a new set of tasks.

Changing the individual replacement system with a unit replacement one that locks everyone in for two years might free up time for units to train other tasks than those needed for combat operations. The problem the Army faces now is that with the individual replacement system, you constantly have to retrain the same tasks over and over again because you have a constant stream of people coming and going, the official said. It takes time to build effective teams and individual replacement system means teams are always being broken up in the

short term, he continued.

The Army is also looking at changing discreet, specialized, stove-pipe systems and processes into networked enterprise ones. For example, when a soldier gets deployed, the unit manning report will tell the personnel system where he is. However, unless someone gets the paperwork to finance, he may not get the danger pay he is entitled to for months, the official said. With a networked system, one stop tells everyone who needs to know what is happening with the soldier, he said.

A Transformation organization change might include combined arms teams organized from within during peacetime, rather than just being formed during combat operations down to the company level, the official said.

Comparing current Army systems with the Future Combat System, the official said that being the best equipped Army in the world does not necessarily mean being the best organization. Each system has its own discrete needs in terms of parts and specialized mechanics — meaning a massive logistics tail. With FCS built on a common carrier, the logistics tail will be smaller than the current force — meaning more tooth or combat troops available to carry the fight to the enemy given similar-sized forces, he said.

FCS met seven joint interoperability key performance parameters the end of April. It is scheduled for fielding by 2010.

Commentary

Fame

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sergeant major with the Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, Fort Lee, Va; the Ordnance Center and Schools, where he was also the Ordnance Corps’ Regimental Command Sergeant Major, APG, and the 123rd Main Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division in Nuremberg, Germany and in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. He is currently a substitute schoolteacher in Crane, Mo.



Dr. Joseph D. Moquin

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Moquin was born in Middleboro, Mass., on July 7, 1924. He served as an engineer officer during World War II, and began his civilian career with the military in 1952 as the program director of the U.S. Army Ordnance Management Engineering Program, Rock Island, Ill. From 1956 to 1959, he became a pioneer leader in rocket and missile development.

In 1959, Moquin joined Brown Engineering Company as its executive vice president. As such, he led the way to the development of a research park devoted to aerospace and other high technology companies. The Huntsville Research Park, now known as Cummings Research Park, has become one of the largest and most successful industrial research and development parks in the world. He continued his association with the Army’s missile programs as president and later chief executive officer of Teledyne Brown Engineering.

He retired from that position in 1989.

Health

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members is essential to overall force readiness.”

This is a commander’s program. Commanders are responsible for complete redeployment processing of their personnel and helping each individual to make a smooth, post-deployment transition, according to DoD guidelines. Because deployment health concerns often evolve over time, commanders also encourage their returning service members to visit with health care providers to address all deployment related health concerns.

The complete force health protection program, including regular blood tests, regular physical examinations, annual dental examinations, annual medical record reviews and pre- and post-deployment health assessments, assists DoD in providing a world-class continuum of care from accession to separation.

Further information regarding the DoD force health protection program can be found at <http://www.ha.osd.mil/hfpr/>.

It’s the people

Spc. Jacob Boyer
31D (M) PAO

Before Operation Iraqi Freedom began, there was a lot of debate about whether we should use military action to topple Saddam Hussein and his Baath Party’s regime. Folks argued about whether we should, why we should and anything else they could find related to Iraq. World leaders, the media, protesters and many others talked about things like weapons of mass destruction, genocide, national defense and democracy in the Middle East.

I found the debate raging through my own head in the weeks leading up to the beginning of the conflict. I wondered why I, individually, and we, as a nation, were in Kuwait, preparing to take down a regime thousands of miles from our home shores.

But the conflict began. Our military began the march north, and the debate took a back seat as I focused on the tasks at hand. By the time we arrived at Baghdad International Airport two weeks ago, most of my doubts had been quieted, but not because I had forgotten them. Instead, I had found a reason to be here that dwarfed every concept discussed in the past year.

It’s the people.

The poverty I see them living through when I drive past their farms and through their towns can’t be done justice in words. It’s masses of children lin-

ing the roads waving empty MRE bags, begging for more. It’s emaciated people and cows so thin you can see their ribs. It’s people making do with cars that would have been in a junkyard years ago if they were in America.

Back home it’s easy to forget that there are people in the world who actually live like this, whether they were born into desolation or under the boot of corrupt leadership.

And these people lived like this while their leader and his cronies hopped from one palace to another. As alien as the harsh conditions the average Iraqi lives under are to me, the opulent lifestyle of Hussein and his inner circle are even farther from what I think of as reality—lavish ballrooms, movie theaters, kitchens larger than any I ever worked in before I joined the Army—and that was in a palace that didn’t look like it had ever been used.

That people could live like this while those they were responsible for suffered is the greatest injustice I have ever witnessed in my life. Forget about weapons. Forget about national defense. I’ve found my reason for being here.

It’s the people.

It’s hard to imagine a nation of people running around in hand-me-downs, but here it seems everyone is wearing a T-shirt from 1985.

It’s hard to imagine three-year-old children

schilling cigarettes on the side of a dusty back road, but they wave blue packs of state-produced tobacco any time a “HUMVEE” is within view.

It’s hard to imagine any person cheering as another nation’s military rolls through his streets after vanquishing his nation’s fighting forces, but here, as time passes, more and more appear genuinely happy to see us.

Before I came here, these things were all hard to picture, but now that I have seen them, they are memories I am sure I’ll hold for a long time.

I’ll remember the smile on a little boy’s face when I handed him a piece of candy I would probably throw away back home; the mobs of ecstatic civilians cheering any American they saw and cursing Hussein’s name; the guy who saw me smoking a cigarette from one of those blue packs yanking it out of my mouth and offering me one that wasn’t “Saddam’s cigarette;” the old man sitting on the side of the road simply waving a small American flag as tanks drove by.

People can argue about the rights and wrongs of what the United States has done here all they want, and they probably will for a long time to come. But no matter what history decides, I will never have to wrestle with my conscience over why I’m here.

It’s the people.

‘American Soldiers
Ground Combat in the World Wars, Korea, & Vietnam’

Capt. Eric Shuler
Special contributor

I did not know what to expect when I started reading “American Soldiers.” Was it just another book about war stories? I was skeptical.

I soon found the title did not do the book justice. The author takes examples from the two World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam and discusses a range of topics. The similarity of combat shared by soldiers in all wars is uncanny despite all of the changes in weapons technology.

Peter Kindsvatter’s book is about the environment during war. War is not like John Wayne movies where the good guys win and the bad guys lose.

Combat stress on an individual is different for everyone. The author points out an example of a strong soldier who collapses in the face of battle. The worst peacetime soldier may be the best combat soldier. Until recently combat stress was not taken seriously or even studied. Unfortunately, soldiers

in previous wars with combat stress had no way of getting help and suffered for the rest of their lives.

American Soldier says that soldiers fight for their survival and their friends. Taking the objective for mom and apple pie is a notion made up in Hollywood.

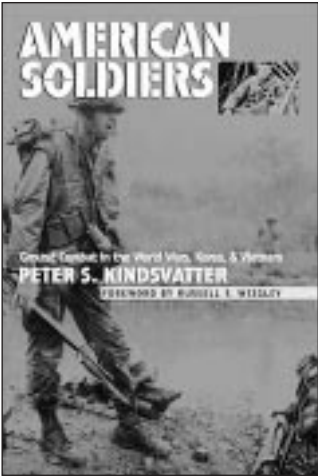
Kindsvatter writes about soldiers who “ghost,” i.e. disappear, when the going gets tough and they do not pull their full share. These soldiers do not last long in a combat unit where everyone in the unit has to pull his own weight to succeed.

Infantry soldiers were dismayed that the punishment for rear troops caught stealing supplies was to be sent to the front with an infantry unit. The infantry soldiers were angered that their job was

considered punishment. When an infantryman saw a rear echelon soldier wearing the Combat Expert Infantryman’s Badge a fight would ensue forcing the removal of the prized award.

The author discusses racism in the Army. Kindsvatter calls it, “equal opportunity in the foxhole.” When you are in a foxhole and the enemy is attacking you, “it does not matter what color the soldier next to you is. Your life and his depends on your working together.”

Being a good leader is being with your troops. Lead from the front not the rear. The author tells the story of a colonel in the Korean War who would visit his frontline units. He knew the



Health

Meet ‘Molly’ and ‘Foxy’
New club drugs discovered

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The greatest tool against drug abuse is knowledge.

The Army Substance Abuse Program is tasked with educating the public on the newest and latest drug information.

Dr. Derrick Copper, the Alcohol and Drug Control Officer for ASAP, advises the Aberdeen Proving Ground community to be aware of illegal hallucinogenic drugs beginning to surface with new names and marketed in the Army community. “Awareness and prevention are the best tools in averting drug distribution in our community,” Copper said.

Meet ‘Molly’

While checking the Drug Enforcement Administration Web site, a new club drug

called “Molly” is the latest discovery. “Molly” is a very dangerous form of Ecstasy.

According to the DEA, this drug is an off-white powder generally found in a gelatin capsule. “Molly” has properties similar to the stimulant effects of Ecstasy, but taken in larger doses, it promotes hallucinogenic reactions.



www.drugabuse.gov

This poses an even greater risk to young adults who have taken Ecstasy previously and accidentally overdosed by trying to achieve the hallucinogenic effects.

“Molly”, like Ecstasy is made and sold in “Rave Clubs”. The physical effects include hallucinations, increased heart rate, dehydration, higher body temperature, heart failure, and increased blood pressure.

In September of 2002 the

DEA gave Benzylpiperazine (BZP) and 1-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl) piperazine (TFMPP) Schedule I status—meaning it has a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use. TFMPP also goes by the names “legal E”, “legal X” or “A-2.”

Meet ‘Foxy’

Alpha-methyl tryptamines (commonly called AMT or Spirals) and 5-MeO-DIPT (commonly called Foxy or Foxy Methoxy) are substances rapidly gaining popularity. These drugs are similar to LSD and MDMA.

AMT can be taken orally or smoked. Foxy is taken orally. In either case, both drugs can pose serious health risks to the user and the public. These drugs can cause multiple physical effects such as an increase in energy and in the rhythmic contraction of the

heart, mood swings, smiling, visual patterning and closed eye visuals, blurred vision, restlessness, yawning, dilated pupils, anxiety, tension, nausea, vomiting, decrease in coordination, muscle aches, headaches, jaw clenching, and various other minor side effects.

These drugs have been encountered at various Army installations.

The Army Substance Abuse Program continually works to remain current on drug use and abuse and encourages all Americans to do the same.

“Just because you don’t have children or your children are grown and on their own doesn’t mean it’s not your problem,” said Derrick Copper, alcohol and drug control officer for the Army Substance Abuse Program. “If we are going to take back our nation and protect our children from drug use

and addiction, it is going to take every one of us to know what is going on around us and take action to stop the drug dealers.

“Parents should be aware of suspicious activity or changes in a child’s behavior. Be an informed parent and have open discussion with your children about concerns you have about drugs,” Copper said.

The ASAP office, building 2477, has substance abuse prevention and training materials available.

“Our pamphlets and other resources don’t do a bit of good sitting on a shelf,” Copper said.

For more information, call 410-278-DRUG (3784), visit the new APG ASAP Web site www.apg.army.mil/garrison/ASAP/index.htm, or visit the DEA Web site at <http://www.dea.gov/>.

To arrange prevention education and training on alcohol and drugs, contact Troy Denson, prevention coordinator, at 410-278-3137 or e-mail Troy.Denson@usag.apg.army.mil.





Korea



African-American contributions remembered during Morgan State Korean War conference

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Saluting the three-year commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, Morgan State University held an African-Americans in the Korean War Conference at the Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center, April 16 to 19.

The conference focused on African American contributions on the front lines and in supporting rolls, the official end of segregation in the military and the legacy left behind by those who served.

The four-day event included a keynote address by Dr. Sang-Chul, ambassador of the Republic of Korea, a presentation of colors by the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own), Military District of Washington, and panel discussions by Tuskegee Airmen, members of the famed 24th Infantry Regiment, Purple Heart recipients and former Prisoners of War. A tour of the James E. Lewis Museum of Art and Veterans' Portrait Gallery, book signings, displays, poetry readings and closing remarks from Gen. Larry R. Ellis, commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga., were part of the week's activities.

Local participants included members of the Harford County Korean War Veterans' Association, who hosted a display.

Dr. Charles Johnson Jr., associate professor of history, department of history, said the conference developed after Ron Armstead, of the Congressional Black Caucus' Veterans' Braintrust, suggested the program.

"We agreed to host the conference to provide a learning environment concerning our African-American veterans," Johnson said.

The attendees came from all over the country. Most were eager to reunite, reminisce and share their experiences with long lost comrades and the curious.

Retired Air Force Col. Ralph Hodge, a veteran from San Francisco and a native Marylander, said he saw the convention announcement on the Internet and decided to attend.

Assigned to the 2nd Division, Hodge saw action at Pork Chop Hill and Old Baldy before serving at the Kojedo Prisoner of War Camp between December 1951 and November 1952.

"There were more than 6,000 POWs to a compound. With only 25 of us, it was difficult to control them," Hodge said.

Although he loves talking about the war, he acknowledged that it is difficult for others.

"Those were difficult years for blacks with segregation so rampant before the Civil Rights Movement," Hodge said. "We left and returned to oppressive situation."

A graduate of the National Defense University at Fort McNair, Va., Hodge said the fondest memory of his career was when he attended the promotion ceremony of his classmate, then Col. Colin Powell, upon his promotion to full colonel.

"I was a lieutenant colonel then. He gave me his old rank insignia. I wore it for a year before I was promoted," Hodge said.

Another veteran with fond memories, Dr. Quentin Chavous, doctor of Philosophy at the University of Massachusetts, recalled his days as editor of the Eagle Ford, the regimental newspaper of the 24th Infantry Division and the only newspaper published during combat conditions.

Chavous said that despite cold, wet and dirty conditions, the paper was published daily.

Chavous was one of several 24th Infantry Regiment alumni on hand at the conference. The famed regiment was deactivated in October 1951 under a cloud of controversy that continues today.

While assigned to the 24th, Chavous said he was most impressed by the level of camaraderie among those who fought side by side. He recalled an incident in which a wounded soldier was brought to the rear for treatment, protesting the whole while that he needed to "get back to his buddy."

"He had only been on the front three days and couldn't remember his friend's name, but in that time they had become that close," Chavous said. "That kind of bonding is one of the few good things about war."

Another group of 24th veterans personified Chavous' statement. Still close friends after 50 years, Nathan Street, Lonnie Smith and James Williams of Chicago, Norvel Harris of Lansing, Mich., and Melvin Schools Sr. of Tappahannock, Va., sat and reminisced together during a break between sessions.

Street recalled the Han River crossing in March 1951 in which it took three days to take a hill from the Chinese.

The plan was to cross the river in assault boats, with Company F taking the high peak and Company E the lower peak.

"If all went as planned, the 77th Engineers would have the bridge built by noon," he said.

The bridge was completed but was destroyed by enemy artillery within five minutes.

Then the fighting started. He said between the Chinese advance and friendly fire that threatened their positions, the going was rough.

"By the third day, we had lost all of our officers except one lieutenant, who went on to retire as Brig. Gen. George M Shaffer," Street said.

He said the unit suffered 102 casualties with 72 killed and took 71 prisoners, in taking the hill, while the Chinese had 445 dead. Street was wounded six weeks later in an air strike and was hospitalized for 14 months.

"The 50-year commemoration makes me feel good because it gives us a chance to set the record straight," Street said.

He noted that the 25th Division released a history of the division in Korea and that he and others agreed that, "they got the account of the Han River crossing all wrong."

"I wrote to the division magazine but they preferred to take the word of a general over the word of a private who was there," Street said.

Williams, who stayed in the Army eight years, said like most, he wasn't fighting for the U.S. or for the Republic of Korea.

"I was fighting to save my own life," he said.

He added that the years during Korea and beyond were especially rough for blacks who had to make do with substandard equipment and treatment.

"The white units had better equipment, better clothing, and more ammo," Williams said.

He said it was standard procedure for the engineers to set up campsites for units moving into an area.

"They would even set up the booby traps for you," he said.

"But with us, they would just dump the equipment. We'd have to set it up ourselves. It was like two different armies."

Despite that, he said he got along well when moved to the 27th from the 24th as part of the integration process and bore no grudges. Instead, his concern is that the troops returning home from current and future wars are treated better than those after Korea.

"People didn't care where we'd been, what we'd done or why we'd done it," he said. "I just hope it never goes back to the way it was before with everyone forgetting."

Dave Mial, an Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison retiree said he attended for members of his Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter who were unable to attend.

"I'm not a Korean War veteran, but I'm taking names back for members who may want to contact old friends," Mial said.

He added that he was impressed by the amount of information available.

"I've learned more about the war just talking to the veterans here," Mial said. "To talk to someone who was actually there makes me appreciate their sacrifices."

Jim Speraw, a museum specialist with the Army Center for Military History, provided a display of Korean-era memorabilia for the conference that included field jackets, headgear, field gear, radios, helmets, photos, and male and female uniforms.

A self-described "historical scavenger," Speraw said he brought items from his personal collection so the veterans could feel free to handle them.

"With Army-owned equipment, the vets are very put off when you tell them they can't touch it," Speraw said, adding that constant handling deteriorates the items. "This way they can pick it up, touch it, do whatever they like. They appreciate it immensely."

Author and actor James McEachin also was on hand to sign copies of his book, "Farewell to the Mockingbirds." A Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient, McEachin is probably best known for his role as "Lt. Daniels" on "Matlock."

Also a member of the 24th Regiment, McEachin was wounded during a patrol. An actor for more than 40 years, he travels around the country promoting his five novels and speaking on his war experiences.

Overall, veteran attendees agreed the gathering was both timely and appreciated.

"It's disheartening to recall how we were treated back then, as soldiers and as citizens," said Freddie E. Bee, a former U.S. Air Force flight engineer who served in Seoul, Korea during the war.

"When we came back we still couldn't go into theaters and restaurants after all we'd been through," he said.

"But things are better now and we're getting the respect and recognition after all this time," he added. "I hope it stays that way."



From left, Nathan Street, standing, Norvel Harris, Lonnie Smith, James E. Williams and Melvin Schools Sr. remember the war years.



Actor, author and Korean War veteran James McEachin, left, makes friends with three-time Purple Heart recipient, retired 1st Sgt. Richard D. Sanders of Ashland, Va.



A helmet liner, an entrenching tool, a rucksack and pistol belts, serve as visual reminders for veterans of the Korean War and World War II as much of the same equipment was used in both wars.



A photograph of Gen. Douglas MacArthur pinning a medal on an African American soldier in Korea was part of the memorabilia display provided by the Army Center for Military History.

Sports

Deadlift champs

Company C,
16th Ordnance Battalion



Commander's Cup Point standings
The Commander's Cup is awarded each December to the unit that scores the most points in intramural sports during the year. Units garner points in basketball, the bench press competition, 3-on-3 basketball, racquetball, volleyball, softball, golf, the deadlift competition, soccer and football. Points are awarded for unit participation and division and post championship wins.

Company C 16th	116	Company Co 143rd	16
USMC	114	389th	13
Company E 16th	88	KUSAHC	10
HHC 16th	65	CHPPM	8
NCOA/MRICD	64	520th TAML	7
HST	57	TEU	6
HHC 61st/USAF	49	203rd MI	2
1/246th	43	<i>(Editor's note: Inquiries for sports statistics should be directed to the APG</i>	
HHC 143rd	41	<i>Intramural Sports program manager at 410-278-3929.)</i>	
Company A 16th	37		
Company B 143rd	34		
Company B 16th	18		

Deadlift results

The following are results from the intramural deadlift competition held April 26. Inquiries concerning posted results should be directed to the APG sports office at 410-278-3929.

Team awards

First place, Company C 16th
Second place, USMC
Third Place, HST/Company E 16th (tie)
Best overall lifter
Female, Margaret McLean
Male, Matt Long

Civilian women

Lightweight champion, Margaret McLean, 305-pounds
Ligihweight runner-up, Julia Crossed, MYC, 170-pounds
Heavyweight Champion, Elaine Bennett, 305-pounds
Heavyweight runner-up, Lynette Floyd, 210-pounds

Civilian men

Lightweight champion, Tony Herbert, MYC, 415-pounds
Lightweight runner-up, Thomas Hasahn, MYC, 350-pounds
Heavyweight champion, Tomar Cameron, MYC, 470-pounds
Heavyweight runner-up, Timothy Montgomery, MYC, 420-pounds

Military women

114 pound Division
Champion, Cardlina Reynolds, Company C 16th, 110-pounds
132 pound Division
Champion, Nicole Woodyard, Company E 16th, 225-pounds
Runner-up, Maritza Cisneros, NCOA, 185-pounds
148 pound Division
Champion, Marilyn Tamatave, Company E 16th, 225-pounds

Runner-up, Michelle Kelly, USMC, 205-pounds
Over 165-pound Division
Champion, Nicole Washington, MRICD, 240-pounds
Runner-up, Doreen Lafferty, Company C 16th, 165-pounds

Military men

123-pound Division
Champion, Cyril Chichester, Company C 16th, 115-pounds
132-pound Division
Champion, Brian Muney, USMC, 250-pounds
Runner-up, Paul Portillo, Company C 16th, 235-pounds
148 pound Division
Champion, Laquay Harvey, Company C 16th, 225-pounds
Runner-up, Don Ricardo, USMC, 210-pounds
165 pound Division
Champion, Jason Peeples, USMC, 325 pounds
Runner-up, Dionis Fernandez, Company C 16th, 285-pounds
181 pound Division
Champion, Ricky Jones, Company A 16th, 400-pounds
Runner-up, Javier Ponce, USMC, 375-pounds
198 pound Division
Champion, William Long, HST, 435-pounds
Runner-up, Harold Wallace, Company C 16th, 370-pounds
220 pound Division
Champion, Matt Long, HST, 625-pounds
Runner-up, James Carr, NCOA, 525-pounds
242 pound Division
Champion, Ronaldo Rodriguez, Company C 16th, 385-pounds
Sub-masters lightweight
Champion, Anthony King, National Guard, 400-pounds
Sub-masters heavyweight
Champion, Edgar Bautista, HHC 61st, 450-pounds

Deadlift competition holds challenges for all

Company C 16th wins first place over USMC, HST, Company E 16th

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Deadlift Competition, held April 26 at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, contained more than the usual challenges for participants this year.

Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion won first place overall with four first-place and four second-place finishers.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment came in second with two first-place and three second-place wins and Headquarters Support Troop and Company E 16th Ordnance Battalion tied for third with two first-place wins apiece.

Capt. Christine Roney, Company C 16th commander said she was proud of the unit's efforts in all sporting endeavors.

"We track the Commander's Cup very closely," Roney said. "Our soldiers don't just show up, they participate. I'm very proud of all they put forth."

Gunnery Sgt. Michelle Kelly, a runner-up in the military women's 148-pound category, accepted the USMC trophy.

"We had about 18 Marines who did well without really practicing," Kelly said.

Matt Long, HST and Margaret McLean, civilian, won best overall lifters.

For the first time, cadets from the Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy participated in the annual event that garners

Commander's Cup points for military units and bragging rights for civilian competitors.

Anthony King, a civilian mentor with the MYC and a member of the Maryland Army National Guard's Company A, 229th Maintenance Support Battalion, said he requested that the youths be allowed to compete in the civilian category after the MYC cadre gave their blessings.

He thanked Earlene Allen and Donna Coyne of the APG Sports office for giving the okay.

"These kids live here for five months and they love to compete," King said.

"There was no problem as long as the participants are over 18," added Allen. "We're happy to include them."

Fifteen youths, 12 males and three females, flexed their muscles for the competition, taking five of the eight civilian category trophies, including all of the men's awards.

The most impressive showings were by Tomar Cameron, Washington, D.C., who lifted 470-pounds to win the heavyweight division and Tony Herbert, Leonardtown, Md., who won the lightweight division with a 415-pound lift.

Both novice lifters said they were excited by the win.

"I just wanted to get to 400," Cameron said. "I'm feeling pretty good now."

"I surprised myself, I didn't know I could do this," Herbert said adding that he "may get into weightlifting now."



The Maryland Army National Guard's Anthony King, and sub-masters lightweight champion, gets mentally psyched for a 365-pound deadlift.



Edgar Bautista, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, powers his way to winning the sub-master's heavy-weight division with a 425-pound deadlift.



With muscles bulging, Headquarters Support Troop's overall men's champion Matt Long completes his 625-pound lift.



USMC's Mike Boyd, left, watches as HST's Sharon Releford was one of several volunteers from HST, and Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion to lend a hand to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff.

Don Stivers Ordnance Corps print to be unveiled at Anniversary Ball

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

The third in a three-part series of historical prints dedicated to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps will be unveiled during evening ceremonies at the 2003 Ordnance Anniversary Ball at Top of the Bay, May 9.

Noted artist Don Stivers will be on hand to present his latest painting, "Service on Time," as part of the 191st anniversary of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps.

"Service on Time" depicts the ordnance mule train charge at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863. During the pivotal Battle of Gettysburg in the American Civil War, fighting first broke out on the morning of July 1, 1863 northwest of the town. By mid-afternoon, Union troops from the Army of the Potomac's I Corps, to include Brig. Gen. Solomon Meredith's famous Iron Brigade, with its distinctive black hats, was conducting a

fighting retreat from McPherson's Ridge to Seminary Ridge. They were driven back by Maj. Gen. Henry Heth's Confederate division from Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

The Union troops had almost expended their 60 rounds of ammunition when a column of ten wagons from the First Division, I Corps, summoned by the division commander, suddenly galloped over Seminary Ridge and turned north, moving up the small valley behind the Union line on east McPherson's Ridge. Soldiers tossed out ammunition boxes while the wagon training commander, Ordnance Sgt. Jerome A. Watrous, smashed off the lids with an axe. The timely delivery of 75,000 rounds kept the I Corps in the fight allowing the Union to hold the key ground of Cemetery Hill south of the town at day's end, where the North would anchor its defense during the next two days of battle.

